

Social Security Program

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Nationally, in December 2001 benefits were paid to 45,874,040 persons. This number included 28,841,850 retired workers, 5,024,520 widows and widowers, 5,265,190 disabled workers, 2,895,150 wives and husbands, and 3,847,330 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.7 percent of the total population and 91.2 percent of the population 65 or older.

Monthly benefits averaged \$874 for retired workers; \$820 for all widows and widowers (\$841 for nondisabled widows and widowers); \$815 for disabled workers; and \$430 for wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers. Average payments for children of deceased workers were \$570; for children of retired workers, \$414; and for children of disabled workers, \$239.

Monthly payments for December 2001 totaled \$36.5 billion. Of this amount, \$26.6 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$5.2 billion to survivors; and \$4.7 billion to disabled workers and their dependents. Average benefits and total monthly payments include the 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2001.

In **Arkansas**, benefits were paid to 520,680 persons. This number included 298,680 retired workers; 61,000 widows and widowers; 79,640 disabled workers; 30,800 wives and husbands; and 50,560 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 19.6 percent of the total population of the state and 93.2 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Arkansas received an average of \$805 per month; widows and widowers, \$723; disabled workers, \$766; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$393. Average payments for children were: \$390 for children of retired workers; \$522 for children of deceased workers; and \$226 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$377 million. Of this amount, \$254 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$56 million to survivors; and \$66 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

Supplemental Security Income Program

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In December 2001, 6,688,489 persons received federally administered SSI payments

including 1,264,463 aged, and 5,424,026 who were disabled or blind. A total of 1,995,159 recipients were aged 65 or older, 3,811,494 were 18 to 64, and 881,836 were under age 18.

The total number of persons receiving either a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 50,172,400. Federally administered payments totaled over \$2.8 billion in December 2001: \$2.5 billion in federal SSI payments, and \$302 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$394. The aged averaged \$314; disabled and blind, \$413.

In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Arkansas**, 85,088 persons—13,075 aged, and 72,013 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 23,111 recipients were aged 65 or older, 48,155 between 18 and 64, and 13,822 under 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$30.8 million, of which all but \$586 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$325 overall, \$151 for aged recipients, and \$357 for those disabled and blind.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Arkansas receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 567,372.

Social Security Earnings and Employment

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In **Arkansas** in 1999, an estimated 1.41 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$27.37 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$3.39 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare Earnings and Employment

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In **Arkansas** in 1999, an estimated 1.42 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$30.00 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$870 million in Medicare taxes.



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Monthly benefits averaged \$874 for retired workers; \$820 for all widows and widowers (\$841 for nondisabled widows and widowers); \$815 for disabled workers; and \$430 for wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers. Average payments for children of deceased workers were \$570; for children of retired workers, \$414; and for children of disabled workers, \$239.

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In Louisiana, benefits were paid to 716,220 persons. This number included 365,420 retired workers; 108,590 widows and widowers; 92,530 disabled workers; 61,410 wives and husbands; and 88,270 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.0 percent of the total population of the state and 90.6 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Louisiana received an average of \$810 per month; widows and widowers, \$753; disabled workers, \$816; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$401. Average payments for children were: \$369 for children of retired workers; \$520 for children of deceased workers; and \$226 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$512 million. Of this amount, \$323 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$105 million to survivors; and \$84 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

Supplemental Security Income Program

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including 1,264,463 aged, and 5,424,026 who were disabled or blind. A total of 1,995,159 recipients were aged 65 or older, 3,811,494 were 18 to 64, and 881,836 were under age 18.

The total number of persons receiving either a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 50,172,400. Federally administered payments totaled over \$2.8 billion in December 2001: \$2.5 billion in federal SSI payments, and \$302 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$394. The aged averaged \$314; disabled and blind, \$413.

In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Louisiana**, 166,181 persons—23,191 aged, and 142,990 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 42,010 recipients were aged 65 or older, 96,565 between 18 and 64, and 27,606 under 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$65.2 million. The average federal payment was \$360 overall, \$187 for aged recipients, and \$388 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 5,090 persons in Louisiana received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$40,000.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Louisiana receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 822,917.

Social Security Earnings and Employment

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In **Louisiana** in 1999, an estimated 2.09 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$43.16 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$5.35 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare Earnings and Employment

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In **Louisiana** in 1999, an estimated 2.23 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$53.27 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.54 billion in Medicare taxes.



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Monthly benefits averaged \$874 for retired workers; \$820 for all widows and widowers (\$841 for nondisabled widows and widowers); \$815 for disabled workers; and \$430 for wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers. Average payments for children of deceased workers were \$570; for children of retired workers, \$414; and for children of disabled workers, \$239.

Monthly payments for December 2001 totaled \$36.5 billion. Of this amount, \$26.6 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$5.2 billion to survivors; and \$4.7 billion to disabled workers and their dependents. Average benefits and total monthly payments include the 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2001.

In New Mexico, benefits were paid to 285,250 persons. This number included 169,460 retired workers; 30,240 widows and widowers; 33,290 disabled workers; 22,750 wives and husbands; and 29,510 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.4 percent of the total population of the state and 89.4 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in New Mexico received an average of \$816 per month; widows and widowers, \$762; disabled workers, \$783; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$390. Average payments for children were: \$361 for children of retired workers; \$476 for children of deceased workers; and \$226 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$207 million. Of this amount, \$148 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$30 million to survivors; and \$29 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

Supplemental Security Income Program

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In December 2001, 6,688,489 persons received federally administered SSI payments including 1,264,463 aged, and 5,424,026 who were disabled or blind. A total of 1,995,159 recipients were aged 65 or older, 3,811,494 were 18 to 64, and 881,836 were under age 18.

The total number of persons receiving either a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 50,172,400. Federally administered payments totaled over \$2.8 billion in December 2001: \$2.5 billion in federal SSI payments, and \$302 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$394. The aged averaged \$314; disabled and blind, \$413.

In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **New Mexico**, 47,579 persons—8,814 aged, and 38,765 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 15,288 recipients were aged 65 or older, 26,666 between 18 and 64, and 5,625 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$18.4 million. The average federal payment was \$350 overall, \$225 for aged recipients, and \$379 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 197 persons in New Mexico received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$20,000.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in New Mexico receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 313,894.

Social Security Earnings and Employment

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In **New Mexico** in 1999, an estimated 887,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$18.17 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.25 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare Earnings and Employment

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In **New Mexico** in 1999, an estimated 900,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$19.87 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$576 million in Medicare taxes.



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Monthly benefits averaged \$874 for retired workers; \$820 for all widows and widowers (\$841 for nondisabled widows and widowers); \$815 for disabled workers; and \$430 for wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers. Average payments for children of deceased workers were \$570; for children of retired workers, \$414; and for children of disabled workers, \$239.

Monthly payments for December 2001 totaled \$36.5 billion. Of this amount, \$26.6 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$5.2 billion to survivors; and \$4.7 billion to disabled workers and their dependents. Average benefits and total monthly payments include the 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2001.

In **Oklahoma**, benefits were paid to 597,270 persons. This number included 367,050 retired workers; 72,010 widows and widowers; 68,900 disabled workers; 39,230 wives and husbands; and 50,080 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 17.3 percent of the total population of the state and 93.0 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Oklahoma received an average of \$835 per month; widows and widowers, \$790; disabled workers, \$802; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$414. Average payments for children were: \$420 for children of retired workers; \$552 for children of deceased workers; and \$237 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$456 million. Of this amount, \$324 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$72 million to survivors; and \$60 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

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In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Oklahoma**, 72,756 persons—10,072 aged, and 62,684 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 18,044 recipients were aged 65 or older, 44,301 between 18 and 64, and 10,411 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$27.9 million. The average federal payment was \$349 overall, \$189 for aged recipients, and \$375 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 72,089 persons in Oklahoma received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$3.2 million.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Oklahoma receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 642,351.

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In **Oklahoma** in 1999, an estimated 1.81 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$37.51 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$4.65 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Texas, benefits were paid to 2,672,950 persons. This number included 1,605,330 retired workers; 339,910 widows and widowers; 268,460 disabled workers; 209,150 wives and husbands; and 250,100 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 12.5 percent of the total population of the state and 89.7 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Texas received an average of \$851 per month; widows and widowers, \$793; disabled workers, \$807; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$418. Average payments for children were: \$374 for children of retired workers; \$555 for children of deceased workers; and \$234 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$2.0 billion. Of this amount, \$1.5 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$346 million to survivors; and \$238 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

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In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Texas**, 418,235 persons—113,587 aged, and 304,648 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 161,561 recipients were aged 65 or older, 206,352 between 18 and 64, and 50,322 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$149.9 million. The average federal payment was \$327 overall, \$229 for aged recipients, and \$364 for those disabled and blind.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Texas receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 2,914,472.

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In **Texas** in 1999, an estimated 10.21 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$241.87 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$29.99 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare Earnings and Employment

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In **Texas** in 1999, an estimated 10.64 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$307.87 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$8.93 billion in Medicare taxes.



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